

House Resolution No. 4820

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take great pride in acknowledging a significant milestone in the history of a blessed religious institution that has come to play an important role in the lives of many Callaway County residents; and

Whereas, the congregation of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Fulton, Missouri, will commemorate the jubilant occasion of its One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary on March 1, 2004; and

Whereas, Ebenezer Baptist Church was organized in 1880 in an effort to consolidate twenty-two members from Unity and seventeen from Richland, all of whom lived too far away to attend their respective churches; and

Whereas, Ebenezer Baptist Church boasts a rich history full of exciting stories and legends that include a young gypsy girl who was the first to be buried in the church cemetery, a horsefly that upstaged a visiting soloist in the middle of her aria, and attendance by six generations of one family; and

Whereas, the Women's Missionary Society was first organized September 24, 1913, which raised money for a mission offering by selling eggs on Easter Sunday, and made tea towels, pillow cases, and quilts for the Missouri Baptist Hospital; and

Whereas, a two-story addition with basement was adjoined to the original structure in 1929, followed by the addition of a full basement twenty years later; and

Whereas, the congregation of Ebenezer Baptist Church has been abundantly blessed with the guidance and leadership of the Reverend Wayne Lockhart, who has played an integral role in the spiritual fulfillment of his flock for many years; and

Whereas, Ebenezer Baptist Church is known, admired, and respected throughout the Fulton community as a divine proclaimer of faith and friend to those in need, and continues a fine tradition of one hundred twenty-five years through commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of its members, changing with the times, and looking ahead to a glorious future with God:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Pastor Lockhart and to the entire congregation of Ebenezer Baptist Church upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ebenezer Baptist Church in Fulton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Danie Moore
District No. 20

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4820, adopted December 11, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker